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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: (MENTAL) MARIE D. RICE

REF: TELECONS HUGHES/GAIDUK, OCTOBER 3 & 4, 1973

1. THIS IS TO CONFIRM TELEPHONE REPORT TO SCS REGARDING SUBJECT'S ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGAINST TWO OF EMBASSY'S CONSULAR OFFICERS AS THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE EMBASSY AT LUNCH TIME ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1973. SHE STRUCK BOTH OFFICERS ON HEAD WITH LIGHT PICKET SIGN WHILE SHOUTING EXPLETIVES. FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS INJURED. SHE ALSO BERATED OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN EQUALLY IMMODERATE LANGUAGE AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO ENTER OR LEAVE EMBASSY. FOREGOING REPORTED TO OTTAWA POLICE AND EXTAFF.

2. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1973, AT 2:25 PM (ABOUT HOUR AND HALF LATER THAN USUAL) MRS. RICE APPEARED AT EMBASSY MAIN ENTRANCE WITH PICKET SIGN AND ROPE, WHICH SHE TIED ACROSS ENTRANCE. WHEN TWO OFFICERS AT ABOUT 2:30 PM DUCKED UNDER ROPE IN ORDER TO ENTER EMBASSY, SHE STRUCK THEM OVER HEAD WITH PICKET SIGN. ALERTED OTTAWA POLICE SHORTLY THEREAFTER TOOK MRS. RICE INTO CUSTODY FOR CREATING DISTURBANCE AND, HOLDING HER BY ARM, MOVED HER INTO WAITING POLICE CAR, THEN DROVE HER TO ROYAL OTTAWA SANITARIUM FOR MENTAL EVALUATION.

3. EMBOFF REPORTED FOREGOING TO EXTAFF (PARKS, INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL LAW, AND READ, PROTOCOL). PARKS EXPRESSED

OPINION THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OTTAWA POLICE PRACTICE, MRS. RICE WOULD BE GIVEN PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY'S MAIN INTEREST WAS TO RID ITSELF OF NUISANCE AND IF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION RESULTED IN HER REMOVAL, EMBASSY WOULD NOT INSIST ON PRESSING ASSAULT CHARGES, PARTICULARLY SINCE NO ONE INJURED AND ALTERCATION ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF EMBASSY COULD BE CONSTRUED AS DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE, A STRAIGHT OTTAWA POLICE MATTER. EMBASSY OFFICER AGREED AND REPLIED THAT EMBASSY'S MAIN CONCERN WAS TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL, EMBASSY VISITORS, OR TO MRS. RICE HERSELF. EXTAFF PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER ATTEMPTING TO REACH RICE CHILDREN TO INFORM THEM THAT MRS. RICE HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY OTTAWA POLICE FOR CREATING A DISTURBANCE.

5. EMBASSY POUCHING OM DETAILING INCIDENTS SUMMARIZED PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.
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